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De Palm DMC presents elegance under the stars



the night with terrific music, the train of her dress blending in with the rest of the visually stunning props.

The Tupperware group members staying as guests at the Westin Aruba Resort were rewarded for their hard work and motivated to further push their accomplishments, by means a series of fantastic parties.

The gala night program included the selection of 32 queens, who won a trip to Rome, Italy.

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ORANJESTAD – A group of top Tupperware sales agents from Venezuela, Ecuador, Guatemala and Costa Rica, over 440 of the company's top producers, were treated to a gala evening under the stars, designed and executed by De Palm Tours Destination Management Company.

The evening unfolded on the Renaissance Plaza where dramatic backdrops, decorations and lighting were set up to enhance the already spectacular setting.

A live diva soprano opened



In Arawak Gardens

Triplets from New Jersey enjoy Tango Restaurant.



PALM BEACH - On Monday the 8th of November, Tango Restaurant had some very special guests for dinner. The 10 month old triplets called Madison, Paige and Ava enjoyed together with their older sister Mai and the grandparents for an entertaining

evening on Arawak Gardens. The lovely children enjoyed the live music of Aruba's biggest entertainer Tony Marshall, while their grand parents were busy with eating the world best beef coming from Argentina. The three little princesses were moving on the

sounds of the music supported by their sister who was dancing all night long. For the three identical girls, it was the first visit on this happy island. For the rest of the family it was another perfect experience on their favorite island. □

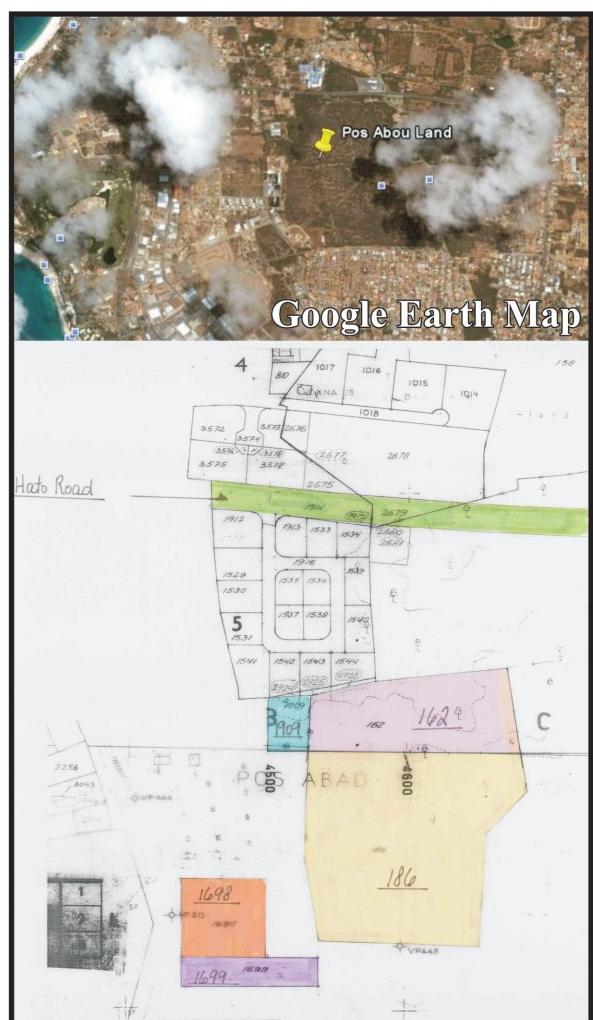
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PALM BEACH -- The Palm Beach Plaza is making its final plans for the Big Reveal on December 17th when Aruba's media will be invited for a grand tour, followed by the official opening on December 18th as

the mall will be fully occupied and decorated, ready to receive the Christmas crowd of shoppers, both locals and visitors. With the reveal of the shopping and entertainment plaza, it is also time to present the dynamic

personalities making up the sales, marketing and operations team of the mega project.

Alex Otterspeer, with an economic, communication and marketing background is the mall manager. Recruited one year ago, Alex was the perfect fit for the vacancy, says general consultant, marketing and sales guru Charles Croes, who spearheaded the talent search and job interviews. Born and educated in Holland Alex brings sound management experience earned in Aruba and in Holland. "The last eleven months," he says, "we all shared a trailer on the construction site, and watched this project evolve day in, day out; working with our sub-contractors, suppliers, and investors on the creation of a truly formidable mall, like no other in the Caribbean."

Alex describes the scope of the project by numbers: "62 retail locations, 46 tenants, 6 full-service restaurants, one coffee shop, 8 food court outlets, 88 roof-top air-conditioning compressors, 6 escalators, 362 parking spots, the span of the project was challenging and it is therefore very gratifying to see it all come together," he shares.

Indra Stamper came to the Palm Beach Plaza Mall from Tiara Air. A born marketer, Indra's smile and sunshiny demeanor inspires instant trust. She was the perfect candidate to manage the mall's Tenant Relations Department, explains Croes. Twelve months ago Indra started sharing the management trailer on the construction site, as her office, with Alex. She shouldered both marketing and sales for the project, and as the mall neared completion Indra was entrusted with the human-element, prospective tenants and tenants, who meanwhile developed an exceptional rapport with her, in an atmosphere of friendship and respect.

Indra reports people from all over the world came to the mall-under-construction with their dreams of opening a business



here. They came by attraction, not promotion -- as the mall hardly had to advertise for vacancies -- from Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, St Martin & Holland, all drawn by the desire to do business here. "The mall retail locations," she informs, "are all spoken for, and the mix of stores is exciting and contemporary."

Shannon Lopez Penha was brought in from Price Smart where she was front-end manager in charge of cashiers and incoming cash. As a member of the Palm Beach Plaza management team she now drives the marketing end of the mall helping orchestrate the Last Lap, as she calls it, the final hoopla just before opening day, including signs, billboards, construction details, and the Select Card for consumer discounts.

In addition to her general mall responsibilities Shannon directs the pre-opening activities of Pixies Bijoux, a fantastic jewelry store on the second level and the Barrel Bay mini market, on the first level, both trendy concept stores designed by leading Miami firms. The mini market will also feature a dedicated chocolate store, by French chocolate-maker Jeff De Bruges, which is one of Europe's best kept secrets, and will be available for the first time in Aruba.

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PALM BEACH – Having worked all day on the launch of Smashbox Cosmetic on the island, the associates of DUFRY'S sales and marketing departments were guests of Mr Jazz at Paseo Herencia. They sipped delicious cocktails, relaxed and nibbled on snacks, as they shared their impressions of the long day conducting Before & After photo shoots of local island celebrities, with award-

winning photographer Steve Keith behind the lens. DUFRY invited a group of well-known island personalities to be part of the mega launch. The best pictures will be decided by public votes. Pictures will be published in local media and voted on line on DUFRY Aruba's facebook page. The celebrity who wins "best picture" will receive \$1,000.-, donated by Smashbox

Cosmetics to the charity of their choice. Having wrapped up the shoots, the crew of Smashbox Aruba enjoyed a good time at Mr Jazz, reports Ximena Lampe, Purchasing & Marketing Coordinator. The evening was also attended by DUFRY's Flavia Maietta, international Smashbox make up artist Angelo, and local make up artist Raphael. □



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We often hear that this is a Free Will Universe. We like to think we have control over our lives, so we believe that we can alter our path with any given decision. While it is certainly true that any tiny decision can alter our lives dramatically, we cannot avoid the growth opportunities that we signed up for, nor would we want to.

What about Free Will? Don't

we control our own destiny? We create our lives by acting and feeling in alignment with a specific purpose. At the same time, we have signed up for certain Personal Growth Opportunities that we signed up for, no matter what decisions we make along the way. If we successfully avoid these experiences because they're painful, we miss the point of our lives. We learn about Love by getting our Hearts broken. Without the pain of a broken Heart, we cannot gain an

Free Will

understanding of Love.

We have free will to a certain extent, but we will experience the Personal Growth Opportunities that we signed up for, no matter what decisions we make along the way. If we came to Earth to eat ice cream, we have free will to choose the flavor and size.

Free Will allows us to release the negative experiences we cling to throughout our lives. We have Free Will to choose our priorities, figure out a unique way to achieve them and take unique action. The trick is to not care if our path takes us in a different direction. When you're blown off course, just evaluate your new situation, choose your priorities, figure out a unique

way to reach them and take action.

Free Will makes life flexible and dynamic, but if we steer too far away from our selves, life will redirect us. We first get subtle signals, then more intense, as we continue to ignore what is before our eyes. If we see the signals and act, we can avoid disaster. If we avoid the issue for too long, life might take drastic action to put us back on our path, no matter how strong our Free Will may be.

We have the Free Will to look at any exotic animal along our path, but Free Will does not allow us to go chasing after all of them. Without this Control, we would get lost, suffer and perish in misery. I'm glad I'm

forced to stay on the Path! In the long run, the Path is the easiest direction there is.

Understanding the limitations of Free Will helps us to know when to let go. If your efforts are plagued by setbacks and obstacles, you might be going against the flow of your life. Pursue what comes naturally to you and use your Free Will to get creative in your pursuits.

Until Tomorrow...

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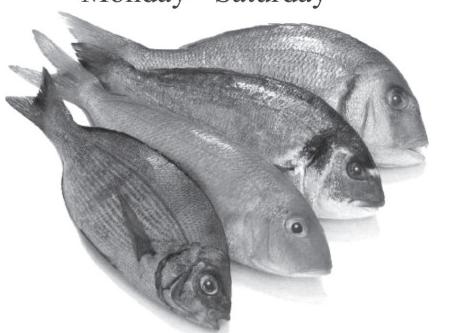
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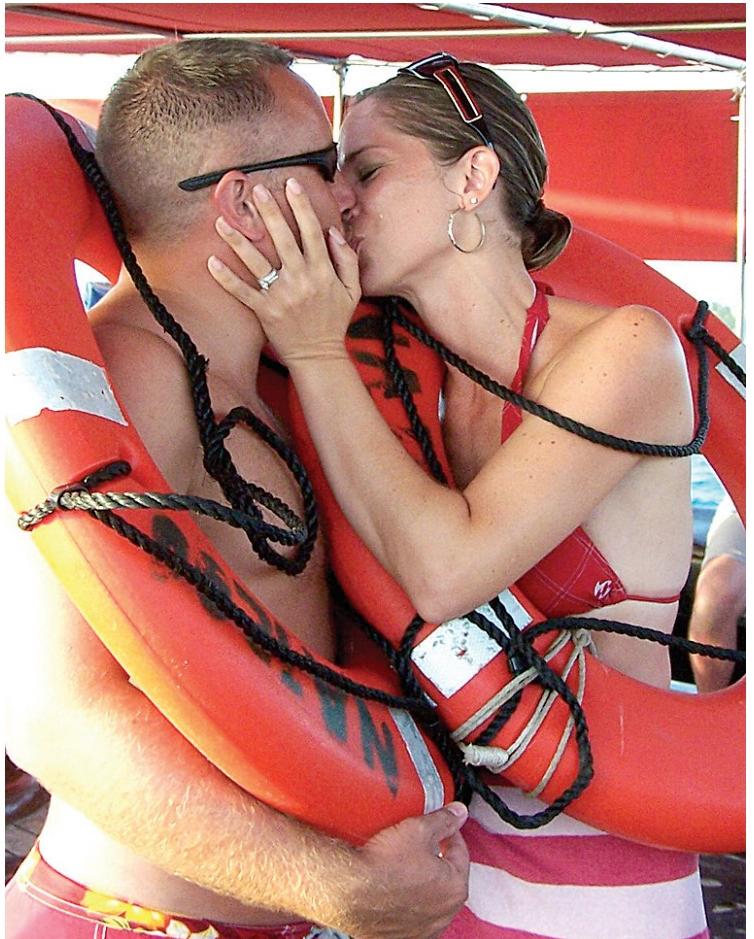
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MALMOK - While the 85 ft teak schooner sailing ship was moored at Boca Catalina, a scenic cove on Aruba's

Northwest Coast, Adrienne and Scott Rapacki said their "I Do's". Like all starry-eyed couples they pledged

their love to each other and in keeping with the Jolly Pirates tradition, exchanged the ship's bright orange life rings and sealed the deal with a kiss. Under the bright sunshine and with a full ship of new found friends to witness, cups of the ship's signature brew, Pirate's Poison were raised to toast the couples special day. Aye! Aye!

With magic and wonder in the trade winds, adding nautical nuptials aboard a Jolly Pirates Cruise can be a sentimental and light-hearted way to add some romance to your vacation and a unique way to celebrate your wedding anniversary. "I wanted to surprise Scott and renewing our marriage aboard the Jolly Pirates was romantic and fun and we got a chance to reflect our ever growing and changing lives. Life is all about the laughter", Adrienne explains.

Re-Wed Ceremonies are part of a growing trend that is gaining popularity with

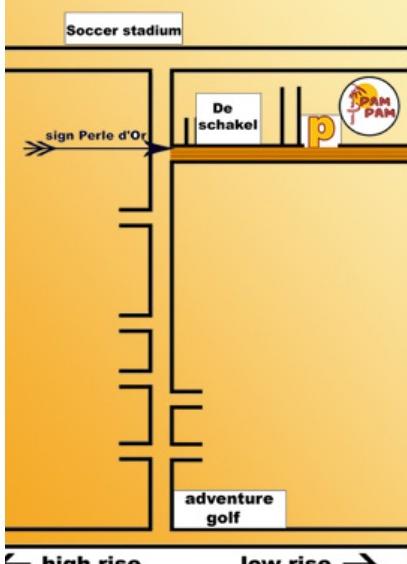


couples of all ages. In fact, just ask the Jolly Pirates Captain, Harald Buser who will tell you that he performs several vow ceremonies each week. There is no charge for a Jolly Pirates vow renewal ceremony, which can be conducted during any of the Jolly Pirate cruises offered. Re - Weds can be requested onboard or in advance when making your reservation for your trip.

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EAGLE- On November fourth 2009, John Cote & Kristy Olko tied the knot in paradise. John of Rhode Island met Kristy of Massachusetts at a Laundromat in 2007 on a hot July summer day. Their eyes met and from there they had their first date which was shared in a walk along the beach wall in Narragansett. They both share a love for the ocean and during their dating they shared many long walks at that beach wall after that night.

After a year of dating, John proposed to Kristy on August 30, 2008 in Newport, Rhode Island.

They decided to choose Aruba for their wedding because their family and friends have said nothing but great and wonderful things about the island. They chose to stay at the Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort because it is beautiful and away from all the hustle and bustle of the high rise section and wanted to spend this wedding/honeymoon in total relaxation; and that is exactly what they got.

The beach blessing took place on Eagle Beach across from Amsterdam Manor beside the famous fofoti tree. The evening started off gloomy but Mother Nature parted the skies and gave them a breathtaking sunset full of colorful skies. The wedding was coordinated by Lissy Lampe of Ceremonies & Celebrations in Aruba who created their vision of a perfect day.

Following the photo shoot

with Bella Aruba Photography the newlyweds enjoyed a romantic dinner at Passions Restaurant along the waters edge.

"We both want to thank all of the people that have helped us in the planning of this wedding. Everyone has been

so helpful and just a pleasure to work with! This has definitely been the most memorable experience we both have ever had in our entire lives, thank you Aruba!!!" stated the newlyweds □

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The news is everywhere; we are entering the winter flu season. Official recommendations include avoiding contact with others if you feel you might be sick. Hospital emergency rooms overwhelmed with people having runny noses, coughs, aches and other symptoms they fear could be Influenza A (H1N1) and are sending people with minor symptoms and lower risk back to family/house doctors to do a lab test or home for rest and quarantine. Instead of recommending that you stay home, our clinic encourages sick patients to call for an appointment. We have seen patients experiencing fever, chills, headache, upper respiratory tract symptoms, cough, sore throat, runny nose, and shortness of breath. We also see people also complaining of muscular or joint pain, fatigue, vomiting, or diarrhea. Many of these patients might have the Influenza A (H1N1) virus infection. If necessary, a blood test can check if you have H1N1. In most cases, I tell our patients to stop worrying and make an appointment to have their colon washed, a hydrocolon. Hydrocolon Therapy is an irrigation of the colon with water. Clinically when a new virus is detected I look up how virulent or powerful this new bug is in its ability to knock you down. The H1N1 is not as bad as the media would have us think. The Center for Disease Control admits that 95% of the people who are infected with H1N1 will be fine. That does not mean that five percent of the population is in trouble. What is putting most people in trouble is that, after you have gotten better from your flu a second bacterial infection invades

an already weakened body and can cause pneumonia.

By now the Center for Disease Control (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO) and Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) have compiled a large amount of information about the clinical complications of this new influenza A (H1N1) virus infection. Among persons infected with previous varieties of swine influenza viruses, problems have ranged from mild respiratory illness to dehydration and pneumonia. A few deaths caused by previous variants of swine influenza viruses have occasionally occurred. I believe is that most of the death attributed to H1N1 is the bacterial pneumonia infections that develop after you have successfully eliminated the virus infection.

Right now, the CDC considers people who are at higher risk for seasonal influenza complications the same groups that should also be considered at higher risk for swine-origin influenza complications. Groups at higher risk for seasonal influenza complications include:

- Children less than 5 years old;
- Persons aged 65 years or older;
- Children and adolescents (less than 18 years) who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy and who might be at risk for experiencing Reye syndrome after influenza virus infection;
- Pregnant women;
- Adults and children who have chronic pulmonary, cardiovascular, hepatic, hematological, neurological,



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neuromuscular, or metabolic disorders;

- Adults and children who have immunosuppression, caused by medications or by HIV;
- Residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities.

What do all these people have in common? They all have immature, suppressed immune systems. Immune systems that are further weakened by an H1N1 infection allows opportunistic bacteria to develop into pneumonia that can cause serious problems.

There are great recommendations from health departments to help you cope with the season influenza which include:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

- If you are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other measures to keep our distance from each other to lessen the spread of flu.

The reason I recommend colon hydrotherapy to help you with the flu is because the gastrointestinal tract is a prominent part of your immune system. The surface area of the digestive tract is estimated to be the surface area of a football field. That's big! The immune system must work hard to prevent pathogens like H1N1 from entering into blood and lymph. When your colon identifies bad guys it produces histamines that then produce mucus that contains antibodies that neutralizes many of these microorganisms. This is what produces your stuffy nose and chest congestion.

The colon hydrotherapy washes away the bad guys, hydrates you, reducing your fever naturally, helps clear your stuffy nose and chest congestion and after the treatment we give the beneficial bacteria, lactobacillus to enhance your immune system. We then send you off to take a swim in the ocean; which you should be doing all along. Salty, ocean water is a natural antihistamine and have you ever wondered why influenza is a

disease of winter. The reason for this is that we don't get as much sunshine in the winter as we do in summer. Sunshine kills viruses.

Get The Point! Not all patients with suspected novel influenza H1N1 infection need to be seen by a health care provider. Patients with severe illness and those at high risk for complications from influenza like the list above should contact their medical provider or seek medical care; especially if they were sick, got better, then get sick again with a chest cold. If you want help improving your immune system, your first line of defense to protect your health, or help to get better quicker, call to make an appointment.

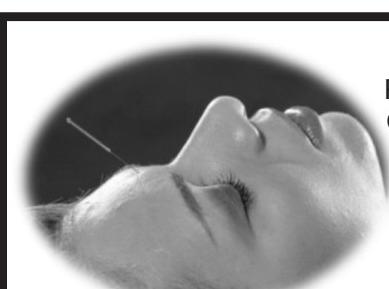
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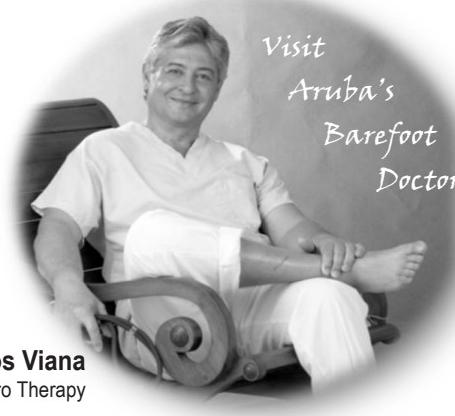
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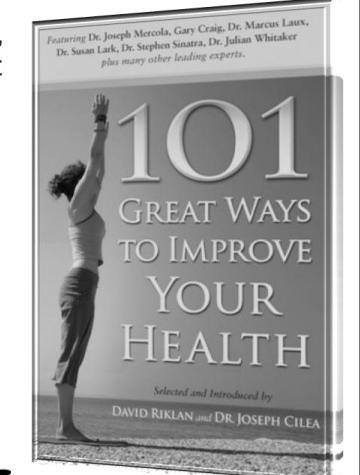


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Marlin: keep dialogue with The Hague going

THE HAGUE--As part of his lobbying efforts to create more understanding for St. Maarten, Commissioner of Constitutional Affairs William Marlin met with several Members of the Dutch Parliament (MPs) during his visit to the Netherlands last week. "It is important to maintain dialogue with The Hague," he said.

Marlin didn't mention MPs by name, but said that talks had been "very positive." "[It was] important to get their feelings as to how they view St. Maarten issues," he said. Several parties and individual members in the Dutch Parliament are concerned about St. Maarten's ability to become a country when the Netherlands Antilles ceases to

exist on October 10, 2010. Because there are differences of opinion as to St. Maarten's capacity, it is especially important to keep the dialogue with the Netherlands going. "You can't stay on one side of the ocean and criticise. You have to see each other in the eye and discuss the issues at hand," Marlin said. According to the Commissioner, St. Maarten's story is not told often enough in The Hague. "There is a lot of bias against St. Maarten – a lot of misinformation." He used the police as an example to explain the difference in perspective between the Netherlands and St. Maarten. "The Netherlands has just as many police officers as St. Maarten has in registered

citizens. You need to put things in perspective," he said. The Netherlands should compare St. Maarten to neighbouring islands managing their own affairs like St. Kitts and Nevis, and Antigua. "The Hague should put St. Maarten in the Caribbean sphere rather than putting it in European perspective," said Marlin. St. Maarten's lobbying efforts were cautiously starting to yield results in the Netherlands, he said. "We are making headway in The Hague." But there's still much more to do. "We need to beef up St. Maarten's image. It is a very important aspect of the process of attaining country status," he said, while remaining confident that St. Maarten

would be ready in time. That didn't mean there would not be challenges. "As a country, and especially as a new country, you face challenges every day – challenges that you have to deal with one by one. In that sense, I don't think a country is ever totally ready. Even developed countries face challenges."

Together with Lt. Governor Franklyn Richards, Acting Chief Police Commissioner Ademar Doran and Police Manager Ronald Dongor, Marlin also made efforts to build ties and establish direct contacts with authorities in the Netherlands that could contribute to St. Maarten in a positive way.

The St. Maarten delegation visited the Royal Dutch Marechaussee headquarters on Friday, and had spoken with managements of the Rotterdam-Rijnmond police and the police force of South South-Holland, earlier in the week. Handling Marechaussee personnel operating on the islands has been a responsibility of the Central Government until now, for example, but soon St. Maarten will have to deal with them directly.

While in the Netherlands, the delegation also visited the Municipality of Amsterdam, with which St. Maarten has a cooperation agreement. Amsterdam Mayor Job Cohen shared with the delegation his disappointment that St. Maarten hadn't given much follow-up to the city's offer to help out with issues such as integrity, zoning, house style, personnel affairs and training.

Marlin said he agreed with Cohen that St. Maarten needed to get moving with the August 2007 agreement. He promised Cohen that he would pursue it. "The former Democratic Party (DP) government shelved the agreement for some strange reason, but we don't intend to," he said. Amsterdam doesn't want to impose, but help, he added. "It is committed."

Marlin acknowledged that integrity in government, one of the foci of the cooperation agreement with Amsterdam, was important. It should not only pertain to civil servants, politicians and departments, however, but also to the rest of society. "We need an overall mentality change. People over the years have come to expect politicians to behave in a certain way." Realising integrity is not easy in a small community. "The danger in small communities is that you often find yourself in a conflict of interest. You have to deal with it carefully and accordingly," said Marlin, who added that realising integrity was "definitely worth it."

Asked when he would return to the Netherlands to continue his lobbying efforts, Marlin said that if the need arose, he would most certainly do so. "If it will contribute to moving St. Maarten's agenda forward, I won't hesitate to come to the Netherlands." Marlin will be part of the Island Council delegation to meet with the Permanent Committee for Antillean and Aruban Affairs NAAZ of the Dutch Parliament's Second Chamber in February 2010. □



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Stocks mostly fall as the dollar's slide eases

By SARA LEPRO
and TIM PARADIS,
AP Business Writers

NEW YORK — Investors cooled their buying of stocks and commodities, pausing from a surge that's carried major stock indexes to their highest levels in more than a year.

Stocks mostly fell in quiet trading Tuesday, a day after the Dow Jones industrials shot up 200 points for the second time in three days. The stock market again took its cue from the dollar, as it has for months. It drove higher Monday as the dollar weakened and slipped Tuesday as the currency rose. The Dow swung in a range of about 60 points as investors increased their buying of safe-haven assets like the dollar and Treasurys. The ICE Futures US dollar index, which measures the dollar against other currencies, rose 0.2 percent.

"People are reaching for a little less risk today after we've had

such a run," said Bill Stone, chief investment strategist at PNC Wealth Management.

Record-low interest rates in the U.S. and the resulting slide in the dollar have been major forces behind the surge in stocks in recent months. A weaker dollar allows investors to borrow money cheaply, while the low interest rates also encourage them to hold any assets other than low-yielding cash, such as stocks, commodities and bonds.

The falling dollar has enabled many investors to look past some of the economy's persistent trouble spots, including unemployment. The jobless rate rose to 10.2 percent in October, the highest level in 26 years.

A number of market watchers still believe the recent surge in stocks has been overdone given the weaknesses that remain in the economy, such as the large amounts of souring loans on banks' balance sheets.

In midafternoon trading, the

Dow rose 2.57, or less than 0.1 percent, to 10,229.51. On Monday the Dow closed at its highest level since October 2008.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 1.40, or 0.1 percent, to 1,091.68, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 5.41, or 0.3 percent, to 2,148.65.

Two stocks fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 649.1 million shares, compared with 679.3 million at the same point Monday.

Bond prices rose, sending yields down, after an auction of 10-year notes drew solid demand. The 10-year yield fell to 3.48 percent from 3.49 percent late Monday.

In corporate news, bond insurer MBIA Inc. tumbled \$1.13, or 23.5 percent, to \$3.67 after posting a third-quarter loss on weaker results at its insurance business.

American International



Traders gather at the post that trades Carter's Inc. on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Group Inc. rose after analysts at Moody's Investor Service projected that the insurer will have adequate resources to repay the federal government. The government has injected more than \$182 billion in aid to the company to help stabilize the financial system. The government holds an 80 percent stake in the company. AIG rose \$1.99, or 5.5 percent, to \$38.17.

Priceline.com Inc. jumped to a

nine-year high after the online travel booking company said it was seeing an increase in customers booking airfare and hotel rooms. The stock rose \$29.91, or 17.2 percent, to \$203.64 after trading as high as \$207.92.

Beazer Homes USA rose after the homebuilder turned a fiscal fourth-quarter profit despite a plunge in revenue and said it saw "some moderation" in weak market trends. □

Treasury says 650,000 in trial home loan workouts

By Corbett B. Daly

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — About 20 percent of struggling U.S. homeowners eligible for loan workouts have entered into a trial modification, but it is unclear how many of them will be able to keep the lower payments permanently, the Treasury Department said on Tuesday.

It said there were 650,994 active trial modifications through October under President Barack Obama's plan to help the housing market. That was up from 487,081, or 16 percent, participating through September.

The Treasury did not release figures for trial modifications that have been made permanent.

Most loan modifications result in lower monthly payments, although some lead to reduced principal on mortgages. Trial modifications were initially for three months, but the Treasury added 60 days, effectively making them last five months.

Borrowers need to submit more detailed documentation to make a loan modification permanent.

Under pressure from Congress, the Treasury released state-by-state details of the loan modifications.

"As this report demonstrates, struggling homeowners in every state now benefit from reduced monthly mortgage payments and have an opportunity to stay in their homes," said Michael Barr, Treasury assistant secretary for financial institutions.

California and Florida topped the list of modifications, with 134,609 and 82,614 respectively. Half a dozen states, all sparsely populated, had fewer than a 1,000 modifications. North Dakota had just 170.

The Treasury did not include the conversion rate to permanent loans, which experts say is the key to determining the program's real success or failure. Those figures are expected later this month, a Treasury spokeswoman said. □

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"The United States maintains similar 'forward operating locations' in El Salvador and Aruba-Curacao

Will the militarization of the world by the Pentagon and NATO ever stop? PT. 2

In late September, less than two months after elections brought pro-Washington President Ricardo Martinelli to power, Panama's La Prensa newspaper announced that the new government will "sign a treaty with the United States on the opening of two U.S. naval bases on its territory...."

Minister of Government and Justice Jose Raul Mulino was quoted confirming that "The U.S. and Panama will sign before October 30 an agreement on the deployment of two naval bases on the Pacific coast of our country....One of the bases will be located in Bahia Pina...450 kilometers [280 miles] east of the capital, Panama City, and another one - in Punta Coca about 350 km [217 miles] west of the capital." [8]

American bases had been closed and troops brought home in 1999 in accordance with the 1977 treaty signed by the two nations. However, Washington led the 11-day PANAMAX 2009 military exercise in September with forces from Argentina, Brazil, Belize, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and NATO allies Canada, France and the Netherlands. The formal purpose of the maneuvers was to "simulate a terrorist threat in the Panama Canal," Gerald W. Ketchum, U.S. Operation, Preparation and Mobilization sub-director from the Southern Command, claimed. [9]

A comparable multinational exercise, Honduras-Commando Force 2007, was held in the nearby Central American nation two years earlier which included "marine, air and shelling operations" and the participation of troops from the United States, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. The drills were also described as "anti-terrorist exercises...under the aegis of the United States under the pretext of an alleged attack by the Al Qaeda network." [10]

What purpose U.S. training of the Honduran armed forces in fact has been put to was demonstrated last June 28.

The Pentagon maintains its Joint Task Force-Bravo at the Soto Cano Air Base in the nation.

Further south, in 2007 two retired Peruvian military intelligence officers, Jesus Suasnabar and Juan Castro, exposed American plans to construct a base in their country to replace the military base in Manta, Ecuador from which the U.S. has now been evicted. "The two ex-military officers pointed out that the US base would be the center of domination of Peruvian and Brazilian Amazonia, where multinational rapid-action forces would be deployed....[T]he military base would also prevent the consolidation of an energy bloc made up of Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela....Peru might get involved in the Colombian conflict, as the military facility would be used to intervene in that country." [11]

Washington has now compensated, and far more than compensated, for the loss of the air base at Manta with the acquisition of seven new bases in Colombia, positioning its military closer to that country's eastern border with Venezuela. (And perhaps its southwestern border with Ecuador.)

As with all other parts of the world, where the Pentagon goes so do its NATO allies. Until earlier

this year Great Britain was reported to be the second largest provider of military aid to Colombia.

In Venezuela's eastern neighbor, Guyana, the Pentagon deployed 650 troops (infantry, naval and air force) this July for New Horizons Guyana, "a U.S. Southern Command-sponsored annual exercise starting July 1 designed to strengthen ties with partner nations in Central and South America...." [12]

In recent days a controversy has arisen in Guyana after Britain withdrew assistance for a security project following the Guyanese government's "refusal to allow training by UK Special Forces on a western border location with live firing...." [13] Guyana's western border is with Venezuela. A letter to a local newspaper denounced the "U.K.'s demands for the training of British Special Forces officers on Guyana's territory, and worse yet, in close proximity to Guyana's South American neighbours, namely, Brazil and Venezuela.

"Such a request from the British must be seen as unreasonable, an affront to Guyana's territorial sovereignty and could even undermine Guyana's relationship with her neighbours whom we know from previous experiences could interpret the presence of Western military personnel in close proximity to their borders as an act of hostility or concern and may even spark an arms race in South America." [14]

In Guyana's eastern neighbor, Suriname, the Pentagon has also been busy. Two years ago U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates visited and secured "military premises on its territory.

"Suriname President Ronald Venetiaan said the United States wants to build military premises in Surinamese soil to test the capabilities of military vehicles in the forest," Associated Press reported on October of 2007. [15]

Anticipating American military chief Mullen's tour this March, "Before his...visit to Suriname, Gates met leaders in El Salvador, Colombia, Chile and Peru." [16]

The eastern-most of the three Guianas, the French, is still an overseas department and used for various military purposes.

French military instructors at a camp on the premises of the Guiana Space Center in Kourou "operate one of the most grueling courses in jungle warfare and survival, opening it to Special Forces from around the world....

The base's "main purpose is preparing legionnaires for hardships in places where France still uses them for military intervention, like Chad, Djibouti or Ivory Coast." [17]

Three years ago Paris used the space center, "which each year launches into orbit about half of the world's commercial satellite payloads," [18] for another objective. It launched "the military satellite Syracuse 3B from Kourou in French Guiana thereby creating the conditions for faster and more efficient military exercises abroad.

"The satellite is to be made available to Germany's military and to the NATO alliance."

The Syracuse satellites "cover an area extending from the eastern United States to eastern China and would multiply the existing transfer capacity by ten...of France and the European Union to act." [19]

No part of the world is now isolated from and left unmolested by the West's worldwide military

network.

This past September the new president of Paraguay Fernando Lugo (elected last year) cancelled the U.S. Southern Command's scheduled New Horizons military maneuvers after the announcement that Washington was going to sign the agreement with Colombia for seven new bases. Lugo said of his government's decision

"There would be about 500 US military and other personnel in the country and that wouldn't go unnoticed." [20]

Elections in Central and South America over the past eleven years - Venezuela in 1998 and since, Argentina in 2003, Uruguay in 2004, Bolivia in 2005, Ecuador and Nicaragua in 2006, Paraguay in 2008, El Salvador in 2009 and for while in Panama after 2004 and Honduras after 2006 - have severely limited the scope of the Pentagon's plans to renew and expand its presence in Latin America. To compensate for these unprecedented losses, long-time military clients in Colombia and Peru are being tapped for greater commitments and concentrated efforts are being exerted to recruit Brazil and Chile into the fold. [21]

Three years ago retired Brazilian scholar Luiz Alberto Moniz Bandeira provided an outline of American armed forces plans for South America:

"They occupy an area extending from Guiana into Colombia....Most of them are not uniformed soldiers, but employees of what are known as private sector military companies. The Pentagon has been outsourcing war operations since the 1990s. These private military contractors have been playing an important role in military operations exactly because they are outside restrictions imposed by the US Congress." [22]

Twenty years after the end of the Cold War and ten after NATO declared itself a global organization rivaling and ultimately supplanting the United Nations, the Western Hemisphere south of the United States is not being spared in plans for a Western-dominated international military bloc. In August the Colombian regime announced that it would "send 84 soldiers to join NATO forces in Afghanistan in yet another nod to US wishes," [23] joining troops from four other continents.

In 1989, no one could have foreseen that a decade later Western military expansion would begin a process that led to American bases in parts of the world where their presence was hitherto unimaginable: Kosovo, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Iraq, Australia, Bulgaria and Romania. And the first permanent U.S. base in Africa, Camp Lemonier in Djibouti, with a new regional military command, AFRICOM, covering the entire continent. [24]

That Washington would gain strategic air bases on the Black Sea and in Central Asia, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Would conduct military exercises in Cambodia, East Timor, Gabon, Georgia, India, Mali, Mongolia, Senegal, Uganda and Ukraine. Would redeploy its military to the Philippines and permanently assign troops to Israel and Poland to staff missile radar and interceptor missile bases. Would stake out the Arctic Circle for military and missile shield deployments.

The Cold War ended a generation ago. Wars did not. Neither did the militarization of the world, which has instead intensified, reaching even into space. □

Polio vaccination for 2.6 million children in DR Congo

KINSHASA (AFP) – Health authorities in the Democratic Republic of Congo have begun vaccinating 2.6 million children under five against polio and measles in three provinces, the health minister said Tuesday.

"The campaign concerns Kinshasa, Bas-Congo (both in the west) and Nord-Kivu

(in the east) and is aimed at vaccinating 2.6 million children" in five days, Mopipi Mukulumanya told AFP.

Apart from the vaccination, each child will receive a dose of vitamin A and will be deloused with mebendazole, a medicine used to treat infestation by a range of worms.

The campaign will cost about

four million dollars (2.7 million euros) and has been financed notably by the World Health Organisation, the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Japanese embassy. After the first three provinces, the campaign will rotate around the other parts of the country, Mukulumanya said. The central African nation is

UK starts study on using human DNA in animals

By MARIA CHENG,
AP Medical Writer

LONDON – British scientists begin a new study on Tuesday to consider how human DNA is used in animal experiments and to determine what the boundaries of such controversial science might be. Though experts have been swapping human and animal DNA for years — like replacing animal genes with human genes or growing human organs in animals — scientists at the Academy of Medical Sciences want to make sure the public is aware of what is happening in laboratories before proceeding further. "It sounds yucky, but it may be well worth doing if it's going to lead to a cure for something horrible," said Robin Lovell-Badge, a stem cell expert at Britain's National Institute for Medical Research, and a member of the group conducting the study.

At a media briefing in London, Lovell-Badge said there were two main types of experiments: altering an animal's genes by adding

human DNA or replacing a specific animal sequence with its human counterpart. Several years ago, human genes were added to a mouse to create a model of Down's syndrome for scientists to study how the disease evolves, which could lead to potential treatments. Scientists also have tried to grow human organs in animals that could one day be transplanted back into humans — like a mouse onto whose back scientists grew a human ear. "There are good reasons for doing this, but it may upset some people," Lovell-Badge said.

Two years ago, controversy erupted in Britain after scientists announced plans to create human embryos using empty cow and rabbit eggs. Critics condemned the mixing of human and animal genetic material, though scientists said the embryos would be destroyed after 14 days and would only be used to help them learn how to create human stem cells.

Scientists said they are now trying to determine where

the line should be drawn on experiments that use human material in animals. At the moment, the regulation on how much human DNA can be put into an animal is vague.

"We are trying to work out what is reasonable," said Martin Bobrow, chairman of the group conducting the study.

He and others said they recognized people might be nervous about experiments where animals were given human features or brain cells. David King, director of Human Genetics Alert, an independent watchdog, said he was not convinced such experiments were warranted. "This is a classic example of science going too fast," he said. "If you cannot firmly say exactly what it is you're creating, you should not do it." □



A medical worker vaccinates a child against polio. Health authorities in the Democratic Republic of Congo have begun vaccinating 2.6 million children under five against polio and measles in three provinces, the health minister said Tuesday.

(AFP/File/Desirey Minkoh)

the size of western Europe minus Scandinavia, with an estimated population of 66 million.

Polio was eradicated in 2000, but reappeared in the DR Congo in 2006. It is transmitted through the consumption of contaminated food and water. The virus is highly infectious and can easily overwhelm the immune system of those who have not been vaccinated. The disease attacks the muscles and can lead to irreversible paralysis. The WHO estimates that one sick child can "contaminate 200 others."

A similar campaign has already been organised in Sud-Kivu province and parts of Burundi and Rwanda, across the DR Congo's eastern border, after the first polio cases for 10 years were confirmed in the northwest of Burundi, with a virus that originated in the DR Congo. Congo's health minister said that the DR Congo had one of the highest infant mortality rates in the world, at 148 deaths among each 1,000 children up to the age of five. In September, Mukulumanya outlined plans to cut that rate by two-thirds by the year 2015. □

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Pete Docter, director and screenwriter of the Disney-Pixar animated film "Up", poses with characters (L-R) Carl Fredricksen, Dug and Russell from the film during the film's premiere in Hollywood, California May 16, 2009.

REUTERS/Fred Prouser

"Up" looks aloft, hopes for best picture Oscar

By Alex Dobuzinskis

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) – When an expanded list of 10 movies competes next year for the best picture Oscar, director Pete Docter hopes his "Up" will become the first animated film since 1991's "Beauty and the Beast" to vie for Hollywood's most coveted honor.

Award show trackers say Docter has reason to be hopeful because "Up," about an old man and a boy who float off to South America in a house tied to helium balloons, has earned wide acclaim from fans and critics, alike.

"Up" has tallied \$507 million at worldwide box offices since May's theatrical release, and is one of the year's best-reviewed films scoring a 98 percent positive rating at review website rottentomatoes.com.

But the movie, which sees its DVD version land on retail shelves on Tuesday, faces a harsh Hollywood climate in which to soar if it hopes to win 2009's best film Oscar.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has not nominated an animated movie in its best motion picture category since it began giving a separate award for best animated feature in 2002.

In fact, "Beauty and the Beast" is the only animated movie ever nominated for best picture in more than 80 years since the Academy began giving away the film industry's highest honors.

Still, Docter told Reuters that Oscar voters should evaluate his computer-animated "Up" in the same way they view any movie because that's how his team approaches filmmaking.

"We happen to use computers to be telling the story, but it's first and foremost about the storytelling, just like anything else," he said. "For the world to look at it that way as well, that would be great."

When the Academy announced in June that the best picture Oscar nominations list would expand from five to 10, it said the change was meant to open the field to a wider array of movies instead of the live action dramas that dominate the category.

"There's a strong likelihood that 'Up' will be the second animated movie ever nominated for best picture," said Tom O'Neil, columnist for awards web site www.TheEnvelope.com.

The DVD version out on Tuesday comes with a number of bonus features, including commentary from Docter and co-director Bob Peterson, and an original short film about Dug, a talking dog who stars in the movie.

Docter said one of his early victories with the film came when he pitched the story to Pixar and Disney Animation Studios chief creative officer John Lasseter, and saw tears in the executive's eyes. □

Denzel Washington set for 'Fences' on Broadway



FILE-This July 21, 2009 file photo shows Denzel Washington posing for photographers during a photo call prior to the screening of his movie 'The Taking of Pelham 123' in Berlin, Germany. Washington plans to return to the New York stage next spring in a revival of August Wilson's 'Fences'.

(AP Photo/Herbert Knosowski, File)

NEW YORK – Get ready for another big name on Broadway.

Denzel Washington plans to return to the New York stage next spring in a revival of August Wilson's "Fences."

Producers Carole Shorenstein Hays and Scott Rudin say the play will open in April at a theater to be announced. The production will be directed by Kenny Leon, who directed Wilson's "Radio Golf" and "Gem of the Ocean" on Broadway.

No other casting was announced. The original 1987 production starred James Earl Jones as patriarch Troy Maxson, Mary Alice as his wife and Courtney B. Vance as his son. It won both the Tony Award for best play and the Pulitzer Prize for drama. Washington was last on Broadway in 2005 in a revival of "Julius Caesar" in which he played Brutus. □

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A security guard stands next to costumes worn by the late singer Michael Jackson on display at the MJ46 Japan Tour, an exhibition showcasing various Michael Jackson items, in Tokyo November 9, 2009. The exhibition, displaying 46 items related to Michael Jackson, will be held until November 12.

REUTERS/Yuriko Nakao

Michael Jackson's mother approves will executors

By LINDA DEUTSCH,
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES – Michael Jackson's mother withdrew her objections Tuesday to the appointment of two longtime Jackson associates as executors of the singer's will.

The surprise announcement came from Katherine Jackson's attorney Adam Streisand, who said his client felt it was time the legal fighting ended.

Katherine Jackson no longer objects to the appointment of attorney John Branca and music executive John McClain to oversee the singer's estate, Streisand said. She feels her actions were in the best interest of her son's children, he added.

A judge intended to make his formal appointment after resolving whether Jackson's father can challenge the appointments. Joe Jackson was omitted from his son's will, with Michael Jackson's assets going to his mother, his children and children's charities.

Lawyers for the estate were ordered back to argue the matter. A 60-page motion filed last week by Joe Jackson's attorney, Brian Oxman, detailed his bid to get money from his son's estate by making conflict of interest accusations against Branca and McClain.

Joe Jackson is seeking an allowance from his son's estate to help cover expenses that exceed \$15,000 a month, according to the court documents.

The two had an often-strained relationship, and Michael Jackson said at one point that he would get physically sick — as a child and as an adult — at the sight of his father.

The documents said Joe Jackson receives a \$1,700 monthly Social Security payment and had relied on his son for support for many years.

Howard Weitzman, an attorney for the administrators of Jackson's estate, has said Joe Jackson's petition would be considered along with all other requests for money from the estate.

Joe Jackson suffers from diabetes and had a stroke in 1998, the filing stated.

A former steelworker, he managed and trained his children and organized the Jackson 5. He has been married to Katherine Jackson for 50 years, but he lists his home in Las Vegas. She lives at a family home in the San Fernando Valley north of Los Angeles.

The filings listing Joe Jackson's age as 80 in one place and 81 in another.

His list of expenses includes \$1,200 a month for rent for his Las Vegas home; \$2,500 to eat out; \$1,000 for entertainment, gifts and vacations; \$2,000 on air travel and \$3,000 on hotels. □



On Top Of The News

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President Barack Obama speaks at a memorial services at Fort Hood, Texas, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009.

Associated Press

Obama salutes Fort Hood shooting victims

BEN FELLER

Associated Press Writer

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — One by one, President Barack Obama spoke the names and told the stories Tuesday of the 13 people slain in the Fort Hood, Texas, shooting rampage, honoring their memories as he denounced the “twisted logic” that led to their deaths.

“No faith justifies these murderous and craven acts; no just and loving God looks upon them with favor,” Obama told the crowd on a steamy Texas afternoon. “And for what he has done, we know that the killer will be met with justice — in this world and the next.”

He did not name Maj. Nidal Hasan, the military psychiatrist accused of the killings.

As for the victims and the soldiers who rushed to help them, Obama said, “We need not look to the past for greatness, because it is before our very eyes.” He spoke at a memorial service before a crowd estimated at 15,000 on this enormous Army post.

The president and first lady Michelle Obama began an afternoon of consolation by meeting privately with family members of those killed last week and with those wounded in the attack and their families. Obama used his public remarks to put a human face on those who perished, victims ranging in age from 19 to 62. He also used his platform to speak indirectly to questions about whether the alleged shooter had ties to extremist Islamic ideology.

Thousands upon thousands of people, many of them soldiers dressed in camouflage, gathered to pay their respects and hear the president. The shooting killed 12 soldiers and 1 civilian, injured 29 others and left a nation stunned and searching for answers.

Below the stage where Obama spoke was a somber tribute to the fallen — 13 pairs of combat boots, each with an inverted rifle topped with a helmet. A picture of each person rested below the boots. After the ceremony, Obama walked solemnly along the row of boots, placing a commander in chief’s coin next to each victim’s photo in tribute.

Then soldiers and loved ones traced the same path to remember those lost and give a final salute, one woman nearly collapsing with grief. Even as Obama honored the dead, there was government finger-pointing over what had been known about Hasan and whether he should have been investigated further.

U.S. officials said a Pentagon worker on a terrorism task force had looked into Hasan’s background months ago and had concluded he did not merit further investigation. Two officials said the group had been notified of communications between Hasan and a radical Islamic imam overseas and the information had been turned over to a Defense Criminal Investigative Service employee assigned to the task force.

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Ex-astronaut pleads guilty in attack on rival



Former NASA Astronaut Lisa Nowak, 46, reacts after pleading guilty to third-degree felony burglary and misdemeanor battery at the Orange County Courthouse in Orlando, Fla., Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009. Nowak, who drove 1,000 miles from Houston to Orlando to mount a bizarre attack on a romantic rival pleaded guilty to the reduced charges and was sentenced to a year on probation.

Associated Press

MIKE SCHNEIDER

Associated Press Writer

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — A former astronaut pleaded guilty Tuesday to attacking a romantic rival after driving 1,000 miles from Houston to Orlando and was sentenced to a year on probation.

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In this undated photo released by the South Korea Navy on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009 shows South Korean Navy patrol boats, the same type of South Korean boats that involved in a naval clash with a North Korean ship, engage in an exercise in the West Sea, South Korea.

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North and South Korea clash at sea

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The navies of North and South Korea clashed at sea Tuesday for the first time in seven years in what some analysts said was a provocation by the communist nation a week before President Barack Obama’s visit to Seoul.

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President Obama speaks at a memorial service at Fort Hood, Texas, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009.

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The two spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation.

The revelation provided fresh evidence the military had been keeping an eye on the Army psychiatrist before the shooting rampage.

One soldier who attended the memorial said the mood at Fort Hood was turning from

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sadness to anger as soldiers learned more about Hasan's background.

"A lot of folks are angry because they feel this could have been prevented," said Spc. Brian Hill, a 25-year-old soldier from Nashville, Tennessee, who was injured in Iraq and walks with a cane. "Somebody should have been paying attention."

Obama remembered the slain not as shooting victims

but as husbands and fathers, immigrants and scholars, optimists and veterans of the war in Iraq. He cited one woman who was pregnant when she was gunned down. The president spoke to loved ones left behind, saying: "Here is what you must also know: Your loved ones endure through the life of our nation."

"Every evening that the sun sets on a tranquil town; every dawn that a flag is unfurled; every moment that an American enjoys life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness — that is their legacy," he said. He named and described each victim, including Chief Warrant Officer Michael Cahill, a physician's assistant back at work just weeks after having a heart attack; Maj. Libardo Eduardo Caraveo, who spoke little English when he arrived in the United States from Mexico but earned a Ph.D and helped combat units cope with the stress of deployment;

Pfc. Aaron Nemelka, an Eagle Scout who signed up "to do one of the most dangerous jobs in the service — defuse bombs." Later, the president and first lady went to a military hospital to meet with those still recovering from wounds incurred during the attack.

The ceremony unfolded in a field at the headquarters of the massive post, cordoned off with walls of steel shipping containers. Many soldiers in the crowd listened intently to Obama's speech, standing stoically, some with heads bowed.

Sheila Wormuth, whose husband is stationed at Fort Hood, came with her 3-year-old daughter to show their support. While her husband wasn't at the shooting site, she said, "what happens to my husband's brothers and sisters happens to us."

It was Obama's moment to take on the job of consoler-in-chief, a role that can help to shape a presidency at a time of

national tragedy. The president has tried to strike a balanced tone: He has promised a full investigation of the Fort Hood shootings but has said little about it as investigators search for a motive. He said Tuesday it was "hard to comprehend the twisted logic that led to this tragedy."

It wasn't even two weeks ago that Obama stood in the dark of night at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, honoring the remains of 18 troops killed in Afghanistan. Now he led the mourning for 13 men and women who were working in the one place, as Obama put it, that "our soldiers ought to feel most safe."

When Obama returns to Washington, the cost of war will still be with him.

His agenda Wednesday: another war council meeting on Afghanistan, and laying a Veterans Day wreath at Arlington National Cemetery. □

White House names US foreign aid chief



This undated handout photo provided by the State Department shows Rajiv Shah. The Obama administration will nominate Shah, a former executive with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to run America's top foreign assistance program, the U.S. Agency for International Development, (USAID)

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take the vacant post.

Rajiv Shah, a medical doctor who holds a senior position at the Agriculture Department dealing with food security, will bring "fresh ideas" and an "impressive background" to the U.S. Agency for International Development, President Barack Obama said in a statement announcing the nomination.

Shah's selection, which requires Senate confirmation, would end a 10-month leadership vacuum at USAID, which has been operating with an acting director since Obama took office despite his campaign pledges to have the agency play a greater role in foreign policy.

Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton have said USAID is crucial to deploying their preferred "smart power" foreign policy strategy, which envisions more equal roles for diplomacy and development alongside defense. They plan to double the amount of foreign aid. The agency will play a key role in the administration's efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan, where officials believe the civilian component must be strengthened.

The top job at the agency has remained vacant until now, with several prime candidates withdrawing from consideration amid a White House vetting process that Clinton denounced in July as "ridiculous," "a nightmare" and "frustrating beyond words."

For many in international

development, Shah's nomination was a welcome and overdue.

"It's about time," said Samuel Worthington, president of Interaction, a coalition of humanitarian organizations.

Shah, 36, whose family immigrated to the United States from India, is now the Undersecretary for Research, Education and Economics and Chief Scientist at the Agriculture Department where he manages a budget of more than \$2.6 billion and more than 10,000 staff around the world.

Before that, Shah had several positions at the Gates Foundation, including managing its \$1.5 billion contribution to a global vaccination fund and helping launch the foundation's Global Development program where he oversaw a \$1.3 billion investment portfolio.

The lingering USAID vacancy, particularly after several leading candidates pulled out, prompted Sen. John Kerry, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, and Sen. Dick Lugar, the committee's top Republican, to send Obama a letter suggesting he

choose someone who already had gone through the vetting process.

Shah fits that bill and has important political credentials, having worked for several leading Democratic politicians.

In a joint statement, Kerry and Lugar praised the nomination and said they look forward to a thorough confirmation process.

If confirmed, Shah will take over a weakened agency that has seen its staff cut and some functions folded into the State Department. Many in international development worry that State plans to keep control of the aid agency's budget, with the new administrator answering to a deputy secretary of state.

Given that speculation, and the delay in appointing an administrator, David Beckmann, co-chairman of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network, said the administration needs to move quickly in defining Shah's responsibilities.

"They're going to need to give him some clear signals that he has real power," Beckmann said. □

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration nominated on Tuesday a young former executive with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to run the top US assistance program, ending months of speculation and complaints about who would

Texas sect man guilty of sexual assault of minor

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ELDORADO, Texas (AP)

— After being duped by false leads and chastised by a court for its handling of polygamist sect children, the state of Texas has won a criminal conviction in its first trial of a polygamist sect member charged with sexually assaulted an underage girl.

Raymond Jessop, 38, was convicted late Thursday for having sex with the teen with whom he had a so-called spiritual marriage. He faces up to 20 years in prison when the jury reconvenes Monday to begin deciding his sentence. Early on, the weeklong raid of the Yearning For Zion Ranch was hounded by missteps. After scouring the ranch for days in April 2008 in search of a caller who claimed to be an abused girl, law enforcement acknowledged "Sarah Barlow" didn't exist.

Several weeks after Texas child welfare officials put all 439 sect children in foster care in one of the largest child custody cases in U.S. history, an appellate court ruled that Texas authorities had overstepped, and the children went back to their parents.

But authorities still seized documents from homes

and concrete vaults in the towering limestone temple and annex building at the ranch — documents that would help convict Jessop and indict 11 other members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Jurors deliberated for little more than two hours before convicting Jessop, who did not visibly react as the verdict was read. Free on bond during trial, he was immediately handcuffed and led to jail.

Lawyers in the case declined to comment on the verdict Thursday.

Jessop allegedly has nine wives. He also faces a bigamy charge, but that case is to be tried later. The girl in the assault case, now 21, was previously in a spiritual marriage with Jessop's brother before being "reassigned" to Jessop when she was 15, according to documents seized at the ranch. She became pregnant at age 16.

Generally, under Texas law, no one under 17 can consent to sex with an adult.

"Any act of sexual assault is a horrendous crime, but an act of a sexual assault of a child is of such an extreme nature we don't even consider whether the victim was able — much

less did — consent," Assistant Attorney General Eric Nichols said during closing arguments as he stood before photos of the young mother and toddler in prairie dresses.

"There is a sound foundation based not just in documents, based in DNA evidence for which the documents serve as corroboration... that Raymond Merril Jessop behind those gates, behind that guard house, behind those walls, sexually assaulted" the then-teen, he said.

Forensic experts who testified during the trial, which began with the largest jury pool in the small county's history on Oct. 26, said there was a nearly 100 percent probability Jessop was the father of the woman's daughter, who is now 4.

Jessop's attorneys had argued that no witness placed Jessop in Schleicher County at the time of the alleged assault in November 2004. They said prosecutors instead relied on only small snippets of documents to place Jessop and the teen at the ranch at the time of the alleged assault.

The defense offered no



Raymond Jessop, in white shirt, is escorted from the courtroom to the Schleicher County jail after he was found guilty Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009, in Eldorado, Texas. Jessop, the first man to face criminal charges following the raid of a polygamist sect's West Texas ranch in April 2008, could be sentenced to up to 20 years in prison after being convicted of sexual assault of a child.

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witnesses at trial and provided no evidence Jessop was elsewhere.

Nichols used a photo album, family records and dictations by jailed sect leader Warren Jeffs to establish a time line that put Jessop and the teen at the ranch when she became pregnant. The records covered parts of 2004 and 2005, but not specifically the time of the alleged assault.

The woman was on the prosecution's witness list, but did not testify.

Twelve men from the sect have been indicted on charges ranging from failure to report child abuse to sexual assault since authorities raided the ranch. Jeffs was convicted in Utah as an accomplice to rape and awaits trial in Arizona on charges related to underage marriages there. □



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Bill Clinton meets with Senate Dems on health care



Former President Bill Clinton walks with Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., as he arrives on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, to meet with Democratic Senators regarding health care reform.

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WASHINGTON (AP)

— Former President Bill Clinton knows just how high the political stakes are in the fight to overhaul America's health care system. His failed attempt to revamp the delivery of medical

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care contributed to the Republican takeover of the House and Senate in 1994. Now, with the fate of health care legislation in the Senate's hands, Clinton is heading to Capitol Hill where he's expected to speak to Senate Democrats during their weekly caucus on Tuesday, officials said.

They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss his schedule.

The United States is the only developed nation that does not have a comprehensive national health care plan. A bill passed in the House would see an estimated 96 percent of Americans covered by health insurance but a similar bill must also pass in the Senate.

President Barack Obama wants to sign the legislation into law by the end of the year. But abortion opponents in the Senate are seeking tough restrictions in the health care overhaul bill, a move that could roil a shaky Democratic effort.

Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska said Monday he could not support a bill unless it clearly prohibits federal dollars from going to pay for abortions. Nelson is weighing options, including offering an amendment similar to the one passed by

the House this weekend.

"I want to make sure something comparable ... is in there," Nelson said.

The House-passed restrictions were the price Speaker Nancy Pelosi had to pay to get a health care bill passed, on a narrow 220-215 vote. But it's prompted an angry backlash from liberals at the core of her party, and some are now threatening to vote against a final bill if the curbs stay in. Obama said the legislation needs to find a balance.

"I want to make sure that the provision that emerges meets that test—that we are not in some way sneaking in funding for abortions, but, on the other hand, that we're not restricting women's insurance choices," Obama said in an interview with ABC News.

Senate Democrats will need Nelson's vote — and those of at least a half-dozen other abortion opponents in their caucus. They face a grueling

debate against Republicans who are unified in their opposition to a sweeping remake of the health care system. It's unclear how the abortion opponents would line up; the pressure on them will intensify once the legislation is on the floor. An intraparty fight over abortion is the last thing that Majority Leader Harry Reid needs. Reid is already facing a revolt among Democratic moderates over the government-sponsored health plan that liberals want to incorporate in the legislation as a competitor to private insurance companies.

Reid, who is himself opposed to abortion, will have to confront the issue directly as he puts together a Democratic bill for floor consideration. Two Senate committees approved separate health care bills which differ on abortion, but none would go as far as the restrictive amendment passed by the House.

The House bill would bar the new government insurance plan from covering abortions, except in cases of rape, incest or the life of the mother being in danger. That's the basic rule currently in federal law.

It would also prohibit health plans that receive federal subsidies in a new insurance marketplace from offering abortion coverage. Insurers, however, could sell separate coverage for abortion, which individuals would have to purchase entirely with their own money.

At issue is a profound disagreement over how current federal restrictions on abortion funding should apply to what would be a new stream of federal funding to help the uninsured gain coverage. □

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ATTACK ON RIVAL

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Lisa Nowak, a Navy captain, pleaded guilty to felony burglary and misdemeanor battery. She originally had been charged with two felonies — attempted kidnapping and burglary — along with misdemeanor battery. She could have faced up to life in prison under the attempted kidnapping charge.

Nowak confronted her romantic rival, Colleen Shipman, in the parking lot of Orlando International Airport in February 2007 after driving from Houston. Shipman had begun dating Nowak's love interest, former space shuttle pilot Bill Oefelein.

Wearing a wig and trenchcoat, Nowak followed Shipman to the parking lot

and tried to get into her car, then attacked her with pepper spray. Shipman was able to drive away.

Police arrested Nowak a short time later in the parking lot near a trash can where she was seen getting rid of a bag. In Nowak's bag police found a steel mallet, a knife, a BB pistol, rubber tubing and several large garbage bags.

"Almost three years later, I'm still reeling from her vicious attack," Shipman told Circuit Judge Marc L. Lubet after Nowak's plea, holding back tears. "I know in my heart when Lisa Nowak attacked me, she was going to kill me."

"I believe I escaped a horrible death that night," Shipman said.

She described how she still fears for her life, suffers

nightmares, migraines, high blood pressure and other medical problems and has bought a shotgun and has a concealed weapons permit. She now lives in Alaska with Oefelein.

"The world I knew before Lisa Nowak is unrecognizable," Shipman said. "Every stranger I see is a potential attacker."

After being told by the judge to face Shipman, Nowak apologized for the pain she brought to Shipman's life. "I hope very much that we can all move forward from this with privacy and peace," Nowak said.

Lubet ordered her to have no contact with Shipman or Oefelein.

"You brought this on yourself. I don't have any sympathy for you in that respect," Lubet told

Nowak.

The plea came after an appeals court ruled last year that diapers, latex gloves and other items found in Nowak's car could be used as evidence in a trial that had been scheduled for next month, but her six-hour police interview after her arrest could not. The court said investigators took advantage of the former astronaut, who had not slept for more than 24 hours, coercing her into giving information.

Nowak, 46, is a married mother of three. She flew on the space shuttle in 2006, but was dismissed from the astronaut corps after her arrest and has since been on active duty at a Navy base in Corpus Christi, Texas. Oefelein, 44, also was forced out of NASA. □



Colleen Shipman becomes emotional after making a statement in court where former NASA Astronaut Lisa Nowak, 46, pleaded guilty to third-degree felony burglary and misdemeanor battery at the Orange County Courthouse in Orlando, Fla., Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009. Nowak, who drove 1,000 miles from Houston to Orlando to mount a bizarre attack on Shipman, a romantic rival, pleaded guilty to the reduced charges and was sentenced to a year on probation.

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South Korean President Lee Myung-bak reacts at the presidential Blue House in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009. The two Koreas briefly exchanged naval fire Tuesday along their disputed western sea border, with a North Korean ship suffering heavy damage before retreating, South Korean military officials said.

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The North Korean ship retreated in flames, South Korean Prime Minister Chung Un-chan said, and the South's YTN television reported that one North Korean officer was killed and three other sailors were wounded.

The South Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff said it could not confirm the report of the North Korean casualties. There were no South Korean casualties, the military said.

Chung told lawmakers that North Korean ships violated the South's waters, although he said it was probably not intentional. He said the North Koreans may have been clamping down on Chinese fishing vessels operating in the area.

South Korean analysts, however, said North Korea was sending a clear message ahead of Obama's two-day visit starting Nov. 18.

"It was an intentional provocation by North Korea to draw attention ahead of Obama's trip," said Shin Yul, a political science professor at Seoul's Myongji University.

He also said the North was sending a message to Obama that it wants to replace the armistice agreement that ended the Korean War in 1953 with a permanent peace treaty while keeping its nuclear weapons.

Traveling with Obama on Air Force One, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the administration was aware of the clash and urged restraint on the part of North Korea.

"I would say to the North Koreans that we hope that there will be no further actions in the Yellow Sea that can be seen as an escalation," he said, referring to the body of water where the shooting took place. Koreans in both countries know it as the West Sea.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is closely watching the situation and called for "maximum restraint by both parties," U.N. associate spokesman Farhan Haq said in New York. The incident shows the need to resolve all outstanding issues through dialogue and in a peaceful manner, Haq said.

The two Koreas are still technically at war and the U.S., which fought as part of U.N. forces on South Korea's side, has never had diplomatic relations with North Korea.

Washington has consistently said that

Pyongyang must abandon its nuclear arsenal for any peace treaty to be concluded. North Korea has conducted two underground nuclear tests since 2006 and is believed to have enough weaponized plutonium for half a dozen atomic weapons. The U.S. will send special envoy Stephen Bosworth to North Korea before year's end to try to pull Pyongyang back into international negotiations on nuclear disarmament, the State Department said.

Bosworth also will try to get the North Koreans to recommit to an agreement they made in September 2005—but subsequently abandoned—to verifiably rid the Korean peninsula of nuclear arms, department spokesman P.J. Crowley said.

"The bottom line here is that North Korea has to take affirmative steps toward denuclearization," Crowley said.

He declined to say whether the North Koreans had promised — during a series of recent contacts about arranging the Bosworth meeting — to rejoin the so-called six-party talks in which the U.S., China, Russia, Japan and South Korea have sought for six years to negotiate an end to North Korea's nuclear program. The talks were last held in Beijing in December.

Crowley said it was not clear whether Bosworth would meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Il. The Bosworth visit will be the first direct one-on-one U.S. talks with North Korea since Obama took office.

Kim Yong-hyun, an expert on North Korea at Seoul's Dongguk University, also believes North Korea provoked the naval clash, but said it was careful not to let the situation escalate.

"North Korea would not create conditions that could ruin its talks with the U.S., given the fact that Pyongyang has demanded them," he said. The clash came one day before the United States celebrates Veterans Day. North Korea has in the past carried out actions deemed provocative around U.S. holidays, and test-launched ballistic missiles off its east coast July 4. A clash had been brewing for months in the disputed western sea border, which is a rich crab fishing area. Both sides regularly accuse each other of border violations and the rival militaries blamed each other for Tuesday's skirmish. □

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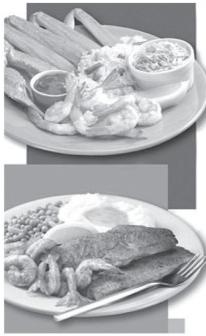
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Brazil's 2 largest cities hit by massive blackouts

BRADLEY BROOKS

Associated Press Writer

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A massive power failure swept over Brazil's two largest cities Tuesday night along with other parts of Latin America's largest nation, leaving millions of people in the dark.

Officials did not immediately comment on the cause of the blackouts, but Brazilian media reports said there were unspecified problems at the huge Itaipu hydroelectric dam that straddles Brazil's border with Paraguay.

The dam problems caused a loss of 17,000 megawatts of power, resulting in outages in large parts of Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and other cities in several states, according to the G1 Web site of Globo TV.

The blackouts came three days after CBS's "60 Minutes" news program reported that several past Brazilian power outages were caused by hackers. Brazilian officials

played down the report before the latest outages.

Brazil's official Agencia Brasil news agency said Tuesday's outage started about 10:20 p.m. (1220 GMT), snarling streets in Rio after traffic lights stopped working. Subway service was knocked out in both Rio and Sao Paulo, and G1 said Sao Paulo subway users were forced to abandon train cars.

In the city of Taguatinga near the national capital of Brasilia, a second division Brazilian league soccer game was halted after lights illuminating the field went dark. No power outages happened in Brasilia. Utility companies that provide electricity for Rio and Sao Paulo did not immediately offer explanations for why the power went off or when it would be restored, Agencia Brasil said.

Sao Paulo is South America's largest city, with 12 million residents. Rio has 6 million



Atlantica Avenue at Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro is seen during a blackout Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009. A massive power failure threw Brazil's two largest cities Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo along with other parts of the country into darkness Tuesday night affecting millions of people. Media reports said problems at a huge hydroelectric dam are to blame for the electrical outages.

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citizens. But the metropolitan area of both cities are much larger. Also affected was Belo Horizonte in central Brazil

and the northeastern city of Recife.

The Itaipu dam is the world's second biggest hydroelectric

producer, supplying 20 percent of Brazil's electricity. China's Three Gorges dam is the largest. □

KEEP ARUBA CLEAN...



Dutch arrest Somali terror suspect wanted by US



THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Dutch prosecutors said Tuesday they have arrested a 43-year-old Somali man wanted by U.S. authorities for allegedly financing Islamic extremist

terrorists.

Prosecutors said in a statement the man lived in Minneapolis before leaving the United States in November 2008; he arrived in the Netherlands about

one month later.

The identity of the man, who was arrested Sunday at an asylum seeker's center in Dronten about 45 miles (72 kilometers) northeast of Amsterdam, was not

released in line with Dutch privacy laws.

The statement by the national prosecutors office said American authorities asked for the man's arrest and have sought his extradition.

E.K. Wilson, an FBI spokesman in Minneapolis, said: "We're aware of this individual and of this arrest, and it is related to our ongoing Minneapolis investigation."

Wilson said the FBI was working closely with Dutch authorities through its legal attache office in Brussels, and is also coordinating with the Department of Justice Office of International Affairs.

As many as 20 young Somali men left the Minneapolis area over the last two years to go to Somalia and possibly fight with terror groups. At least three men have died,

including one who carried out a suicide bombing in the semiautonomous Puntland region in October 2008.

Three others have pleaded guilty in federal court in Minneapolis to terror-related charges. A fourth man has pleaded guilty to perjury, and a fifth has pleaded not guilty to lying to the FBI.

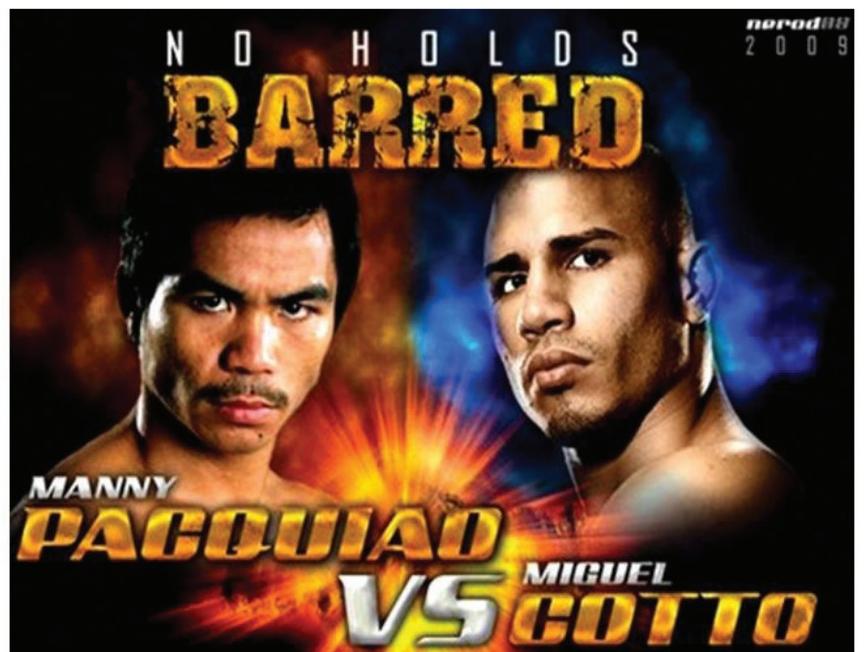
The Dutch statement says U.S. prosecutors suspect the man arrested Sunday of bankrolling the purchase of weapons for Islamic extremists and helping other Somalis travel to Somalia in 2007 and 2008.

The suspect was ordered held for 60 days at a hearing Tuesday before an investigating judge in the city of Rotterdam.

Prosecutors did not immediately return after-hours calls seeking more details. □

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U.S. diplomat in Honduras trying to revive pact

OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ

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TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — A senior U.S. diplomat flew in Tuesday to try to revive a U.S.-brokered pact between Honduras' deposed president and the coup-imposed government ahead of elections this month.

Ousted President Manuel Zelaya declared the accord a failure last week when interim President Roberto Micheletti announced the creation of a national unity government even though Zelaya had not proposed any candidates.

Time is running out for a solution, with less than three weeks until the election. Zelaya is urging the international community not to recognize the outcome of the Nov. 29 presidential election. The Organization of American States said Tuesday it would not send election monitors unless the political impasse is resolved first.

The newly arrived U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Craig Kelly, who helped broker the pact two weeks ago, "is seeking to resolve the problems that have risen in the dialogue to bring peace to the country," said Rene Zepeda, a spokesman for the interim government.

Kelly talked first with Micheletti and planned to meet later with Zelaya at the Brazilian Embassy, where the ousted president has been holed up since sneaking back into the country Sept. 21.

Washington initially joined other Western Hemisphere countries in warning that they would not recognize the elections if Zelaya was not restored to the presidency. But after brokering the pact, U.S. diplomats indicated Washington would support the elections, which had been scheduled before the June 28 coup, as long as the deal was implemented.

The deal, signed more than a week ago, calls for a unity government to be installed and for the Honduran Congress to vote on whether to restore Zelaya to the presidency.

Congressional leaders say they are waiting for an opinion from the Supreme Court, which

ordered Zelaya's arrest before the coup for refusing to drop plans for a referendum on constitutional change that the court had ruled illegal. Legislative leaders have indicated Congress might not vote on Zelaya's reinstatement until after the elections.

Congressman Carlos Lara Watson told reporters Tuesday that National Human Rights Commissioner Ramon Custodio had turned in a report outlining "all the complaints that he, as human rights commissioner, has filed" regarding Zelaya and his administration. He did not provide details of the report.

Zelaya accuses Micheletti of maneuvering to stay in power by naming the unity government before Congress voted.

But Micheletti said that he named the new government to meet a deadline imposed by the pact and that Zelaya failed to submit a list of proposed members.

In a letter to OAS Secretary-General Jose Miguel Insulza, Micheletti insisted the pact was being fulfilled and the elections should be recognized.

Insulza said the OAS would not send observers under the current circumstances.

"There are no negotiations under way. So, from a political point of view, the conditions are not there to send an electoral observation commission," Insulza said during an OAS meeting in Washington.

Meanwhile, two homicides stoked tensions in Honduras. Gunmen killed the brother of a former president on Tuesday, a day after assailants fatally shot the mayor of the central city of Jocon.

There has been a series of shooting attacks on public officials. Honduran authorities say they are investigating, but there is no indication yet the attacks are related to the strife over the coup.

Honduras has one of the highest homicide rates in Latin America, with 7,235 people killed in the country of 7.7 million last year, much of it related to the drug trade. □



U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Craig Kelly, left, and Honduras' interim President Roberto Micheletti shake hands after a meeting at the government house in Tegucigalpa, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009. Kelly flew in Tuesday to try to revive a U.S.-brokered pact between Honduras' deposed president Manuel Zelaya and the coup-imposed government ahead of elections this month.

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AL Gold Gloves

Ichiro, Hunter win Gold Gloves; Mauer honored

MIKE FITZPATRICK

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Seattle Mariners right fielder Ichiro Suzuki and Los Angeles Angels center fielder Torii Hunter received Gold Gloves for the ninth straight year in the American League on Tuesday.

Derek Jeter won his fourth Gold Glove at shortstop, joining New York Yankees teammate and first baseman Mark Teixeira among the AL players honored for fielding excellence.

First-time winners included Tampa Bay third baseman Evan Longoria, Baltimore outfielder Adam Jones and Chicago White Sox pitcher



New York Yankees' Mark Teixeira, right, is congratulated by Derek Jeter after hitting a home run during the fourth inning of Game 2 of the Major League Baseball World Series against the Philadelphia Phillies Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009, in New York.

Associated Press

Mark Buehrle.

Minnesota catcher Joe Mauer and Detroit second baseman Placido Polanco each earned their second Rawlings Gold Glove Award. □

National League winners will be announced on Wednesday. Jeter and Teixeira helped lead the Yankees past Philadelphia last week for the team's 27th World Series championship. □

Appeals court agrees Vick can keep \$16M in roster bonuses

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A federal appeals court is backing the judge who ruled against the NFL and let quarterback Michael Vick keep more than \$16 million in roster bonuses from the Atlanta Falcons.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday affirmed Judge David Doty's order saying Vick had already earned the bonuses before his dogfighting conviction, so the money wasn't subject to forfeiture.

Vick served 18 months in prison and is now with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Doty has long handled matters arising from the NFL's collective bargaining agreement. After Doty ruled in the Vick bonus case, the NFL accused him of bias and sought to end his oversight of its contract with the players union.

The appeals court says the contract should remain under Doty's oversight. □



This is a Nov. 1, 2009, file photo showing Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick warming up on the bench before replacing starting quarterback Donovan McNabb for the final possession of Philadelphia's 40-17 win over the New York Giants in an NFL football game in Philadelphia.

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United States swimmer Michael Phelps swims during a training session at Eriksdalsbadet arena in Stockholm, Sweden, Monday Nov. 9, 2009, ahead of the Swimming World Cup starting Tuesday.

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Phelps misses 2 of 3 finals at World Cup meet

MALIN RISING,
Associated Press Writer

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Wearing an old-style swimsuit, Michael Phelps missed out on two finals and barely qualified for a third Tuesday at a World Cup short-course meet. Phelps, who won a record eight gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, failed to qualify for the finals of the 100-meter freestyle and 100 backstroke. He later qualified in the 100 medley, finishing seventh in 53.13 seconds — more than half a second slower than fastest qualifier Darian Townsend of South Africa. Phelps, a 24-year-old American who was competing for the first time since the world championships in August, was sporting a beard and swimming in the old-style swimsuit that will become the standard next year. Most other swimmers used faster high-tech suits.

He finished 16th in qualifying for the 100 freestyle in 47.77 seconds. Eight swimmers advanced to the final, with Stefan Nystrand of Sweden recording the fastest qualifying time of 45.93. In the 100 backstroke, Phelps was disqualified. The referee didn't immediately specify why.

Phelps did not compete in either of those two events in a full length pool in Beijing, when he broke Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals won at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

His coach, Bob Bowman, said Monday he wants Phelps to use the old-style suit in the lead-up to the U.S. national championships next year.

Phelps said before the meet that he was not "in the best shape" but wanted to use the competition in Stockholm to test his form and the old-style swimsuit.

On Wednesday, Phelps will swim in the 100 butterfly and 200 medley heats. Also, Jing Zhao of China set a world record in the women's 50 backstroke in 26.08. She beat the previous world record of 26.17, set by Marieke Guehrer of Australia four days ago in Moscow. □

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Carter fills in for Clark, sparks Steelers to win

By ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Sports Writer

DENVER – Rarely has playing it safe paid off so well for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Tyrone Carter started in place of safety Ryan Clark as a precaution Monday night and made the big play that sparked the Steelers to their fifth straight win, taking the first of his two interceptions 48 yards for a touchdown in Pittsburgh's 28-10 win over the Denver Broncos.

Clark nearly died following a game in Denver two years ago because of a rare blood disorder that is aggravated by playing in high altitude, so Steelers coach Mike Tomlin decided to hold him out of the game.

He said he didn't want to risk Clark's health or burden his teammates and family members with worry.

Carter capped his night with his second interception with 15 seconds left, and Clark, dressed in charcoal sweats and a smile on the sideline, jumped up and down in celebration.

Hines Ward caught two short touchdown passes from Ben Roethlisberger, including one in which he hauled in a pass in the flat and hurdled cornerback Champ Bailey on his way into the end zone, a final indignity for Denver that capped the scoring with 1:22 remaining and emptied the stadium.

Rashard Mendenhall rumbled over the Broncos for 155 yards on 22 carries as the Steelers (6-2) handed Denver its second straight loss after the Broncos opened the season 6-0 under rookie coach Josh McDaniels.

Carter's first interception return gave Pittsburgh a 7-3 halftime lead even though the Steelers had generated just three first downs and were outgained 183-54 in the first half.

An ecstatic Clark was among the first players to swarm Carter, the first defender to pick off a Kyle Orton pass all season. His only interception before throwing three Monday night was a Hail Mary that Patriots wide receiver Randy Moss pulled down in a game last month.

As he left the field, Clark clicked his heels and jokingly hollered, "I'm going home, and I'm not playing the rest of the year."

With the Steelers clinging to a 14-10 lead in the fourth quarter, safety Troy Polamalu snared another Orton pass, this one at the Broncos 25-yard line, leading to Roethlisberger's 25-yard TD toss to rookie Mike Wallace.

Denver scored on its opening drive for the first time this season. But the Broncos had to settle for Matt Prater's 40-yard field goal after cornerback William Gay broke up a pass at the 10 to Eddie Royal, who had three receptions for 47 yards on the 56-yard drive. The Broncos stopped themselves over and over again on offense, with Orton making poor passes and bad decisions and his receivers making uncharacteristic mistakes. □

Pittsburgh Steelers safety Ryan Clark, left, comes down with an interception intended for Cleveland Browns wide receiver Mohammed Massaquoi (not shown) in the third quarter of an NFL football game in Pittsburgh, Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009. Steelers safety Troy Polamalu (43) is in on the play. The Steelers won 27-14.

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**NBA Roundup****Nash and Suns outlast 76ers 119-115**

Phoenix Suns' Jason Richardson (23) hangs on the rim after dunking the ball as Philadelphia 76ers' Rodney Carney, right, looks on in the second half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Nov. 9, 2009, in Philadelphia. Phoenix won 119-115.

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jason Richardson scored 29 points, while Steve Nash added 21 points and equaled his season-high with 20 assists as the Phoenix Suns beat the Philadelphia 76ers 119-115 on Monday night.

The Suns eclipsed the 100-point barrier for the eighth straight game to open a season, which hadn't happened since the 1990-91 season.

Jared Dudley contributed 18, Amare Stoudemire added 17, Grant Hill had 11 and Channing Frye 10 for the high-flying Suns, who entered the game averaging a league-

high 109.7 points per game.

Phoenix, which hit 15-of-30 3-pointers, has won three straight and finished its five-game road trip with four wins and a loss.

Andre Iguodala scored 24 points, Marreese Speights added 20, Thaddeus Young had 15 and Lou Williams 13 for the Sixers.

Spurs 131, Raptors 124

At San Antonio, Manu Ginobili scored 36 points without Tim Duncan and Tony Parker in the lineup as the Spurs beat the Toronto Raptors.

Ginobili hit four 3-pointers in the fourth quarter as the Spurs fired despite their two leading scorers being sidelined with ankle injuries.

Richard Jefferson had 24 and George Hill added 22 for San Antonio.

Chris Bosh had 32 points and nine rebounds for Toronto, but his third 30-point game of the season wasn't enough after another soft defensive game for the Raptors.

Jazz 95, Knicks 93

At New York, Carlos Boozer and Andrei Kirilenko each scored 23 points as the Jazz won at Madison Square Garden for the first time in more than five years by beating the Knicks.

Mehmet Okur had the go-ahead basket with 1:16 to play and finished with 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Jazz, who opened a difficult four-game road trip by winning in New York for the first time since Feb. 20, 2004.

Deron Williams was limited to five points but had 16 assists. Utah, which earned its first road victory of the season, visits Boston next and wraps up the trip Saturday night at Cleveland.

Rookie Toney Douglas scored a

season-high 21 points for the Knicks, who nearly dug their way out of another huge deficit with a big fourth-quarter rally. But he missed just before the buzzer, sending New York to its fourth straight loss.

Hornets 112, Clippers 84

At Los Angeles, Chris Paul had 24 points and 10 assists and Devin Brown scored 25 points as the New Orleans Hornets bounced back from a blowout loss with a victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

David West added 17 points and nine rebounds in just New Orleans' second win in six games.

One night after the Hornets were routed 104-88 by the Lakers in the same building, they ended the Clippers' three-game winning streak with a dominant victory, opening a 31-point lead on James Posey's layup at the third-quarter buzzer.

Warriors 146, Timberwolves 105

At Oakland, Kelenna Azubuike scored a season-high 31 points and Anthony Randolph added 23 to help the Warriors beat the struggling Timberwolves.

Stephen Jackson had 10 points and a career-high 15 assists while Monte Ellis had 18 points with 10 rebounds to lead the Warriors to their most lopsided win in more than a year.

Jonny Flynn had 20 points, six assists and five rebounds while Al Jefferson added 18 points to lead Minnesota, which lost its seventh straight.

In other NBA games it was, Phoenix 119, Philadelphia 115; Utah 95, New York 93; San Antonio 131, Toronto 124; Golden State 146, Minnesota 105; and New Orleans 112, L.A. Clippers 84.□



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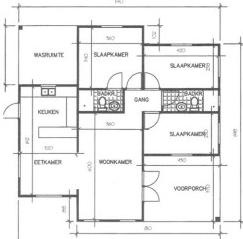
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Universidad dice no fue el minivestido, sino cómo se usó

SAO PAULO (AP) - El caso de una estudiante expulsada de una universidad brasileña por llevar un minivestido cuyo caso provocó sensación mundial en Internet ha causado gran perplejidad: ¿Cómo es posible que una prenda, sin importar cuán corta sea, haya causado tal escándalo en una nación donde la ropa escasa y los bikinis diminutos son algo normal?

La respuesta, dijeron el martes las autoridades de la Universidad Bandeirante, no está en el vestido rosa, sino en cómo lo portó la mujer.

"Hay centenares de chicas todos los días vistiendo minifaldas en este campus y nunca ha pasado nada", dijo el vicerrector Ellis Brown en una conferencia de prensa el martes. "El tamaño del vestido nunca se puso en discusión. Fue su conducta", agregó.

Las autoridades de la universidad reiteraron que el día del alboroto en el campus, el 22 de octubre, la estudiante de turismo Geisy Arruda, de 20 años, supuestamente se subió el vestido provocativamente y se detuvo ocasionalmente para posar en fotografías.

Un catedrático le dio su saco para cubrirse y fue escoltada por la policía en medio de una

serie de insultos y groserías de los estudiantes, algunos de los cuales le gritaron que era una "prostituta".

Luego del alboroto la universidad la expulsó, pero el lunes la universidad dio marcha atrás, tras ser avasallada por una ola de rechazo nacional de un país conocido mundialmente por sus bikinis y otras prendas diminutas, especialmente en sus playas y el carnaval de Río de Janeiro.

Decio Lencioni, abogado de la universidad, dijo que ella también eligió el camino más largo hacia sus clases para llamar la atención de más estudiantes.

Arruda negó vehementemente esa versión, diciendo: "Es una gran mentira que me haya levantado el vestido", informó la agencia Estado. Brown dijo que al revertir su decisión de expulsar a Arruda, la escuela estaba optando por una acción educativa y no una disciplinaria. Brown no dijo cuando regresará Arruda a la universidad.

Ella no ha hecho ninguna declaración pública desde el anuncio de su reintegración.

Arruda dijo previamente que ella tendría miedo de regresar, pero Brown dijo

que si ella lo hace, habrá guardias de seguridad de la escuela atentos a la situación para asegurarse de que pueda estudiar tranquilamente, sin entrar en detalles.

Uno de los abogados de Arruda, Nehemias Domingos de Melo dijo el lunes que su cliente ya ha sido contactada por otras dos universidades que le ofrecen una beca al 100%, pero no estaba claro si la estudiante aceptaría alguna oferta. Nadie contestó a las llamadas telefónicas hechas el martes a la oficina del abogado.

Videos de estudiantes burlándose e insultando a Arruda por haber ido a clases con su minivestido rosa fueron subidos a internet. El caso llegó rápidamente a las primeras planas de los diarios en todo Brasil y atrajeron la atención mundial.

Aunque Brasil es conocido mundialmente debido a que algunos de sus habitantes portan ropa reveladora _ sobre todo en ciudades playeras, donde muchos bikinis son del tipo "hilo dental" _ la mayoría de los estudiantes universitarios visten más convencionalmente en sus campus, normalmente con pantalones vaqueros y camisetas. □



En esta fotografía del sábado 7 de noviembre de 2009, la estudiante Geisy Arruda posa en su casa en São Paulo usando el mismo vestido por el cual fue expulsada de la Universidad Bandeirante en São Bernardo do Campo, Brasil. (Foto AP/Leticia Moreira/Folha Imagem)

Brasil e Israel negocian acuerdo de Defensa

BRASILIA (Reuters) - Brasil e Israel dijeron el martes que negocian un acuerdo de cooperación en el área de Defensa y están comprometidos en combatir el terrorismo. El anuncio fue hecho tras un encuentro en Brasilia entre el visitante presidente israelí, Shimon Peres, y el ministro de defensa brasileño, Nelson Jobim. Durante las conversaciones, a las que la prensa tuvo acceso en la parte inicial, Jobim citó las negociaciones bilaterales en el área de defensa, pero no entregó detalles.

"El acuerdo está con el Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores. Yo voy a desarrollar estudios y quiero ver si ya el próximo año podemos firmarlo", dijo Jobim en una conferencia de prensa, en la que se abstuvo de indicar las áreas que abarcará.

"En todos los intercambios y colaboraciones de defensa tienes como elemento fundamental la confidencialidad (...) O sea: no puedes compartir informaciones con terceros", añadió.

Jobim también expresó el interés de Brasil en el desarrollo de sistemas electrónicos aplicados

a la aviación en asociación con empresas israelíes. "Tenemos todo el interés en eso de hacer un acuerdo con Israel (...) lo que Brasil quiere es llegar al techo tecnológico", afirmó, agregando que había disposición por parte de Israel en desarrollar productos en conjunto. Al ser consultado respecto a si Israel ayudaría a Brasil en la seguridad del Mundial 2014 de fútbol y de los Juegos Olímpicos 2016, Jobim contestó que examinará el asunto. "Está todo por verse", comentó.

El ministro de Defensa y Peres, quien el miércoles se reunirá con el presidente brasileño, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, también abordaron el tema del terrorismo.

"Los ejércitos tenían leyes, uniformes y fronteras. Hoy, las distancias son menores. El terrorismo puede aparecer de diversas maneras", dijo Peres..

Jobim destacó el crecimiento de la importancia de Brasil en la escena internacional y dijo que el país ejerce un papel de moderación en América del Sur. □

Matan a hermano de ex presidente Callejas en Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA (AP) - Dos sicarios en una motocicleta mataron a tiros el martes a un hermano del ex presidente Rafael Leonardo Callejas (1990-1994) en la capital hondureña.

La portavoz de la fiscalía general, Lorena Cálix, dijo que investigan el asesinato de José Eduardo Callejas, de 51 años, a quien unos hombres sacaron de la camioneta en que viajaba y le dispararon a quemarropa.

Su cuerpo quedó tirado en la calle junto al vehículo, mientras sus asesinos huyeron de inmediato del lugar. "Esto ha causado un dolor muy profundo a toda mi familia... y no puedo hablar", dijo el ex mandatario a periodistas al llegar al lugar del crimen. Callejas es actualmente congresista por el opositor Partido Nacional, que lo llevó al poder.

La muerte violenta de Callejas, ingeniero civil de profesión, se suma a una serie de asesinatos y atentados perpetrados recientemente contra familiares y funcionarios públicos en Honduras. □

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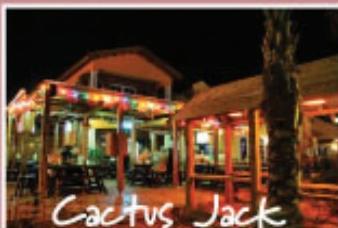


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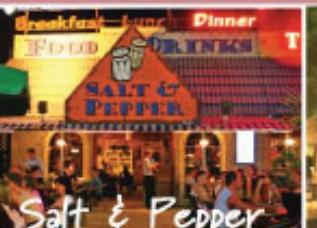
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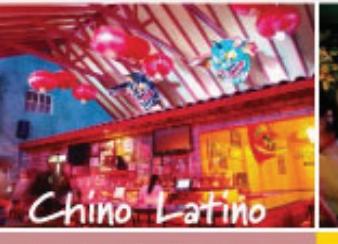
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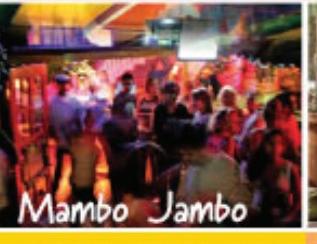
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